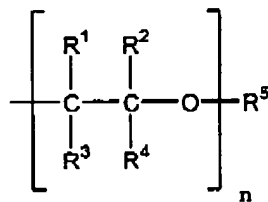


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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled) .
2. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.
3. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.
4. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated unsubstituted benzyl alcohols, ethoxylated unsubstituted phenols, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol contains at least one aromatic ring and alkoxyate units of general formula I



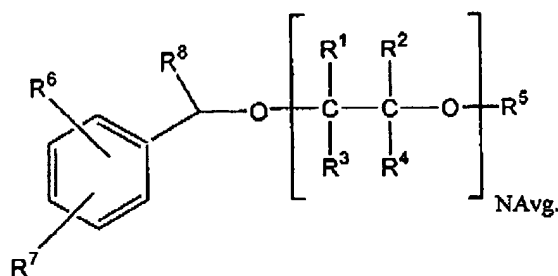
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wherein: R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen and methyl; R⁵ is hydrogen, a C₁-C₆ alkyl, or phenyl; and n is 2 - 10.

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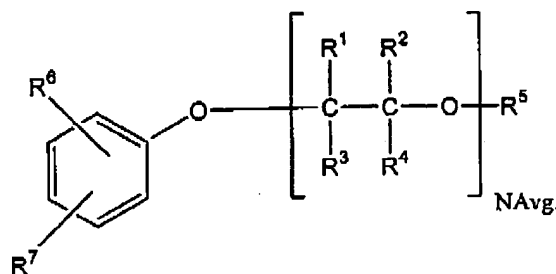
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6. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 comprising a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula II with a number average N_{avg}. of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, and wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined for formula I, and R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl



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7. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 11 comprising a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula III with a number average N_{avg}. of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined for formula I, and R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl



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8. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [1] 13 wherein the concentration of the inorganic base is at least 10% and is not more than 30%.

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9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The coating removal composition of claim [9] 13 wherein the concentration of the amine component is at least 0.8 and is not more than 3.4%.

11. (Original) A coating removal concentrate composition comprising two separately packaged parts to be combined and diluted with water prior to application on a substrate, wherein

Part A comprises:

- a. an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol; and
- b. an amine; and

Part B comprises:

- a. an inorganic base, and
- b. optionally, chelating agents, corrosion inhibitors, thickeners, surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

12. (Original) The coating removal concentrate composition of claim 11 wherein Part A comprises 75-90 wt% alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component and 10 - 25 wt% amine component and Part B comprises 41 - 44 wt% inorganic base component.

13. (Original) A working coating removal composition comprising a mixture of the concentrate of claim 12 with water.

14. (Original) A working coating removal composition claim 13, wherein the ratio of A:B is 1:3 to 1:2.25.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

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17. (New) A coating removal composition comprising:

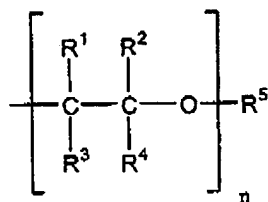
- a) water;
- b) an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated unsubstituted benzyl alcohols, ethoxylated unsubstituted phenols, and mixtures thereof;
- c) an amine; and
- d) an inorganic base at a concentration of at least 10% and not more than 30%;

wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component is present in an amount from 4-15% and the ratio of the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component to the base component is less than 1:1.

18. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.

19. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.

20. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol contains at least one aromatic ring and alkoxyate units of general formula I



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wherein: R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently selected from hydrogen and methyl; R⁵ is hydrogen, a C₁-C₆ alkyl, or phenyl; and n is 2 - 10.

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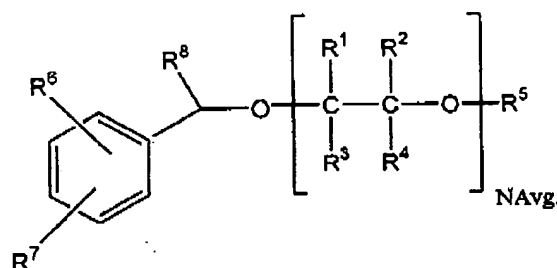
21. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 17 wherein the concentration of the amine component is at least 0.8 and is not more than 3.4%.

22. (New) A coating removal composition comprising:

a) water;

b) an alkoxyated aromatic alcohol comprising:

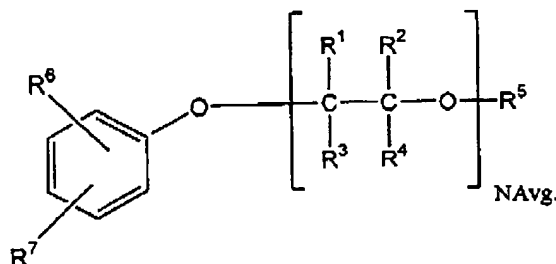
1) a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula II with a number average N_{avg.} of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, and wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined for formula I, and R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl



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or

2) a mixture of alkoxyated aromatic alcohols of general formula III with a number average N_{avg.} of alkoxyate units from about 2.5 to about 5, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined for formula I, and R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl



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c) an amine; and

d) an inorganic base at a concentration of at least 10% and not more than 30%;

wherein the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component is present in an amount from 4-15% and the ratio of the alkoxyated aromatic alcohol component to the base component is less than 1:1.

23. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the inorganic base is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates, alkali metal hydroxides, and mixtures thereof.

24. (New) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the amine is an alkanolamine.

25 (New) The coating removal composition of claim 22 wherein the concentration of the amine component is at least 0.8 and is not more than 3.4%.